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Mule, et al.

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For: Backplane, Printed Wiring Board, and/or Multi-Chip Module-Level Optical Interconnect Layer having Embedded Air-Gap Technologies and Methods of Fabrication

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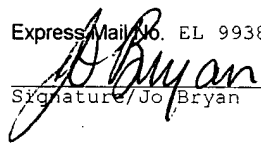
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	C	5,037,173	8/6/91	Sampsell, et al.	385	17	11/22/89
	D	5,039,189	8/13/91	Lytel, et al.	385	2	4/6/90
	E	5,073,000	12/17/91	Dennis Derfiny	385	14	5/21/90
	F	5,101,460	3/31/92	Fred V. Richard	385	37	9/4/90
	G	5,159,770	10/27/92	Reid, deceased et al.	385	14	3/13/91
	H	5,224,184	6/29/93	Boudreau	385	35	5/21/91
	I	5,245,680	9/14/93	Gerald F. Sauter	385	24	2/5/93
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	T	5,313,536	5/17/94	Rossi, et al.	385	14	12/15/92
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